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Applicant/Patent Owner: Joseph E. Kovach et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/732,747

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Entitled: **REMOTE CONTROL OPERATING SYSTEM AND SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR A
RETRACTABLE COVERING FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL OPENING**

Hunter Douglas Inc.

, a corporation

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Richard C. Gottuso

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Vice President and General Counsel

Title

August 22, 2006
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, Joseph E. Kovach, Michael S. Holford and Marek Jarosinski (the "Inventors"), residing respectively at 13981 Downing Street, Brighton, Colorado 80601, 13397 Pearl Street, Thornton, Colorado 80241, and 13871 Downing Street, Brighton, Colorado 80601, are the joint inventors of an invention in *Remote Control Operating System and Support Structure for a Retractable Covering for an Architectural Opening*, for which invention a US patent application with serial number 09/339,089 was filed on 22 June 1999, and we are entitled to assign our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the US patent application and any Canadian patent application therefor; and

WHEREAS Hunter Douglas Inc. (the "Company"), having a place of business at 2 Park Way, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458 USA, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the US patent application and any Canadian patent application therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one Dollar (USD 1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models and designs, whether original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissue, or the like, now on file or subsequently filed, for the invention world-wide, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for such applications the priority rights derived from the US patent application under any national or international intellectual property laws or agreements and any industrial property protection including, without limitation, patents, utility models and designs, now or hereafter granted, for the invention world-wide, and any extensions, renewals, reissues or the like thereof.

FURTHER we hereby authorize and request any official of any state, responsible for issuing patents or other evidence or forms of any industrial property protection, to issue the same for the invention to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

ALSO we hereby agree that we have the full right to convey our entire, right, title and interest in and to the invention world-wide and all applications for industrial property protection for the invention world-wide and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict with this assignment.

MOREOVER we hereby agree that we will communicate to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to us respecting the invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign any lawful papers, execute any original, divisional, continuation and reissue applications, make any rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to obtain and enforce proper protection for the invention world-wide.

FURTHER we hereby agree that this assignment is to be considered effective as of the filing date of the US patent application and we hereby authorize the Company, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the serial number of the US patent application.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands the day, month and year opposite our signatures below.

9/01/99
(Date)

Joseph E Kovach
(Inventor : Signature and Name)

9/01/99
(Date)

Michael S Holford
(Inventor : Signature and Name)

9/01/99
(Date)

Marek Jarosinski
(Inventor : Signature and Name)

TODAY BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the place stated below, personally appeared **Joseph E. Kovach, Michael S. Holford and Marek Jarosinski**, to me known and known to me to be the Inventors named above, who signed this assignment and acknowledged it to be their free act and deed.

Sept. 1, 1999
(Date)

Nov. 5, 1999
(Commission Expiry Date)

Hunter Douglas
Two Quetta Way
Broomfield CO 80020
(Place)

Belle Galleaga
(Notary Public : Signature and Name)

THE COMPANY hereby acknowledges the previous statements of the Inventors and accepts their assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Company, by its undersigned Director, sets its hand the day, month and year opposite its signature.

Sept 13, 1999

(Date)

Mark L. Kerner, MD

(Place)

Geoff Parnan
(Director of Company : Signature and Name)

Walter J. Zickowski - VICE, ZICKOWSKI
(Witness : Signature and Name)

Shirley Johnson Shirley Johnson
(Witness : Signature and Name)